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1. REFTEL (A) 40 PERCENT REDUCTIONS AVAILABLE FROM FOUR U.S.
DOMESTIC CARRIERS. REF (C) PARA 4, ASKS IF REFUGEES WITH END
DESTINATIONS IN WESTERN U.S. MAY USE EAST COAST PORTS OF INETRY,
AND THEN FLY WEST, ON U.S. DOMESTIC CARRIERS.

2. ALMOST 65 PERCENT OF U.S.-BOUND REFUGEES FROM MALAYSIAN
CAMPS HAVE END DESTINATION IN THE U.S. WEST OF MISSISSIPPI.
IS IT NOW PERMISSIBLE TO SEND REFUGEES, FOR EXAMPLE, BY MAS TO
LONDON, BRITISH AIRWAYS TO NEW YORK (ASSUMING REFUSAL FROM TWA),
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EASTERN TO CHICAGO AND CONTINENTAL TO L.A.? REPLY REQUESTED.

2. TWO FACTORS PROMPT FOREGOING QUESTION. FIRST, WE FEEL THAT,
AS OF NOW, WE CAN COUNT ON MAXIMUM OF 500 SEATS FOR REFUGEE
DEPARTURES EX MALAYSIA IN AUGUST AND, SECONDLY, ICEM BANGKOK
APPARENTLY DOES NOT KEEP K.L. REP. INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN
ROUTING OPTIONS.

4. SUGGEST FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN ROUTING REFUGEES TO STATES IN FUTURE, TWA BE CONTACTED AND FARE RATE EX K.L. AND OTHER SEA CAPITALS TRANS-EUROPE AND ATLANTIC TO END DESTINATIONS THROUGH-OUT CONUS BE NEGOTIATED. TWA, AS US FLAG CARRIER WITH WIDESPREAD CONUS CONNECTINS, COULD PROVE USEFUL AS FUTURE SNAGS DEVELOP IN ROUTING WESTERN U.S-BOUND REFUGEES. FURTHERMORE, GIVEN A RELATIVELY ASSURED VOLUME OF REFUGEE PASSENGERS, AIRLINE MAY OFFER (TRANS-ATLANTIC, TRANS-CONUS) RATE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER CARRIERS' TRANS-PACIFIC FARES.

5. BRITISH AIRWAYS AND KLM REF (A), APPARRENTLY HAVE NOT AS YET FORMALLY NEGOTIATED REFUGEE FARE EX S.E.A. FOR DIRECT ROUTING AND MAXIMUIZATION OF OPTION OF USING TWO FOREIGN FLAG CARRIERS (AFTER US-FLAG REFUSAL), SUGGEST ICEM BE ASKED TO NEGOTIATE REFUGEE FARE ASAP. SAME INDICATED FOR SABENA WHICH OFFERS HIGHT POTENTIAL BRUSSELS-ATLANTA ROUTE.
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